

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1107 without my signature.

I share the author's goal of reducing particulate emissions and approved the specific 2005-06 Budget Act appropriation of \$12.5 million for the purpose of retrofitting diesel school buses, in order to reduce particulate emissions. However, this bill alters a separate grant program whose priority is to address school bus safety. The current Small School District Transportation grant program has an annual base funding level of \$4.9 million. These funds should continue to be maintained specifically for addressing the important issue of student and driver safety. Protecting the safety of students as they travel to and from school should not be compromised.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger